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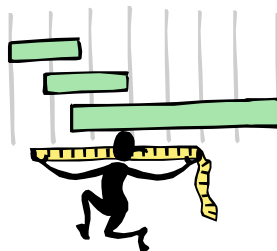
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The objective of the MPO's Municipal Grant Program (MGP) is to encourage cities to participate in a competitive program to receive funds to perform relevant transportation planning studies. The MGP is one of many transportation planning tasks included in the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Transportation. Every year in June, cities of Miami-Dade are solicited to participate. Letters with guidelines, selection criteria and instructions are submitted to City Mayors. Normally,

submittals are due to the MPO in August. Yearly funding available is \$150,000. All recipients of grant awards are required to provide a minimum match of 20%.

The project evaluation criteria used in the selection process are as follows:



1. Level of Service (LOS) benefits of the proposed project.
2. Impact on traffic mobility and circulation gains.
3. Intermodal nature of proposal.
4. Support of the approved county-wide activities of the UPWP.
5. Consistency with the applicant's local comprehensive plans.

Over the past 11 years, the Miami-Dade MPO has awarded \$1,674,000 to cities. Enclosed are highlights of the MGP.

CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS



The South Miami Metrorail Station contains a five-level parking garage which is currently underutilized. Dixie Highway's six-lanes of traffic make it difficult for pedestrians destined to the other side of the highway to fully utilize the station and the parking garage. During the 1999 fiscal year Municipal Grant Program, the MPO awarded the City of South Miami funds to study the best location for a pedestrian overpass to connect the west side of US.1 from the South Miami Metrorail Station to the east side. Results of the study have allowed the project to move forward.

MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM HISTORY

FISCAL YEAR *and* AWARDED PROPOSALS

2003

- * Coral Gables Ponce de Leon Boulevard Evaluation
- * Enhanced Hialeah Transit Circulator
- * Miami Beach Master Plan Study for the 16th Street Corridor
- * North Miami Beach City Center Access & Mobility Feasibility Study
- * Miami Lakes Transportation Master Plan

2002

- * Medley NW South River Drive Corridor Study
- * Aventura Municipal Public Transit Enhancement Expansion and Improvement Plan
- * Miami-Dade County NW 79th Street Corridor Initiative

2001

- * Miami Beach Electrowave Shuttle Service Long Range Plan
- * Sweetwater 107th Avenue Pedestrian Transit Corridor Study
- * Homestead Urban Transit Village Plan

2000

- * Miami Beach Electric Shuttle Permanent Facility and Intermodal Center Feasibility Study
- * Coral Gables Trolley Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan
- * North Miami Beach Intermodal Analysis
- * North Miami Circulator Services Implementation Study

1999

- * South Miami Pedestrian Overpass Study
- * Aventura Municipal Public Transit Study Phase II
- * Miami-Dade County School Board School Zone Traffic Congestion Study
- * North Miami Beach Circulator Services Study Phase II

1998

- * North Miami Beach Circulator Services
- * Hialeah Circulator Services Study
- * Aventura's Municipal Public Transportation Study
- * North Miami Circulator Services Study

1997

- * Miami Beach Municipal Mobility Plan
- * Homestead Traffic and Mobility Study
- * North Miami Beach Mini Bus Service

1996

- * Coral Gables City Trolley Service
- * North Miami Beach Mini Bus Service
- * Miami Beach Municipal Mobility Plan

1995

- * MGP temporarily discontinued by Federal agencies.

1994

- * Coral Gables Congestion Mitigation Study
- * Hialeah Traffic Circulation Element
- * Key Biscayne Streetscape Study
- * Miami Beach Bicycle Network
- * Miami Springs LeJeune Corridor Study
- * North Miami Beach Neighborhood Traffic Study

1993

- * Coral Gables Traffic Congestion Mitigation
- * Hialeah Concurrency Management System Transportation Component
- * Hialeah Gardens NW 122nd Street roadway design
- * Key Biscayne Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan
- * Miami Flagler Corridor Multimodal Plan
- * Miami Beach Alton Road reconstruction plans
- * Miami Springs Okeechobee Corridor Traffic study
- * North Miami Beach traffic studies.

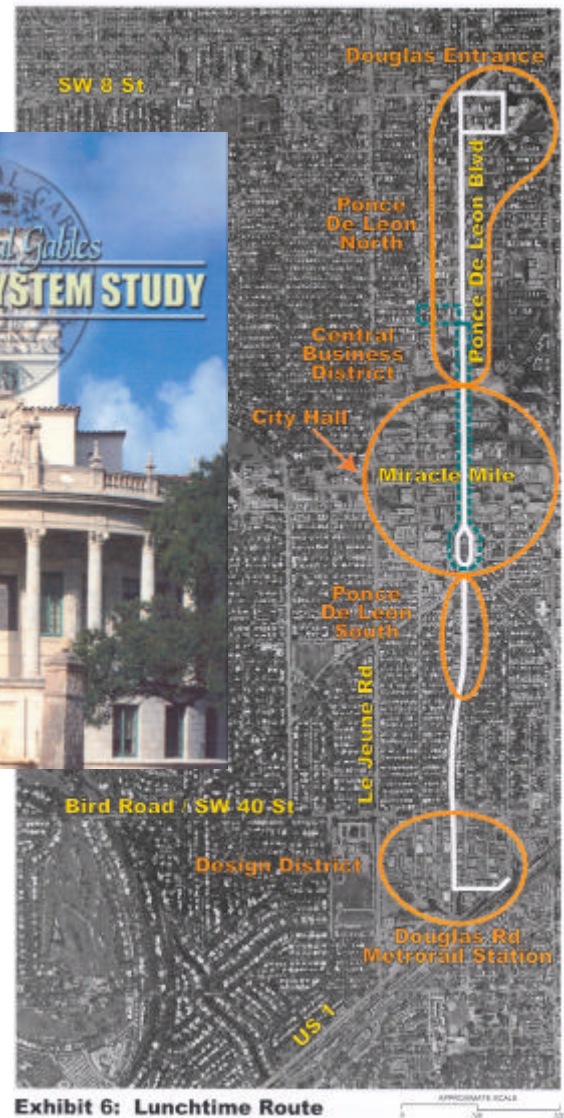
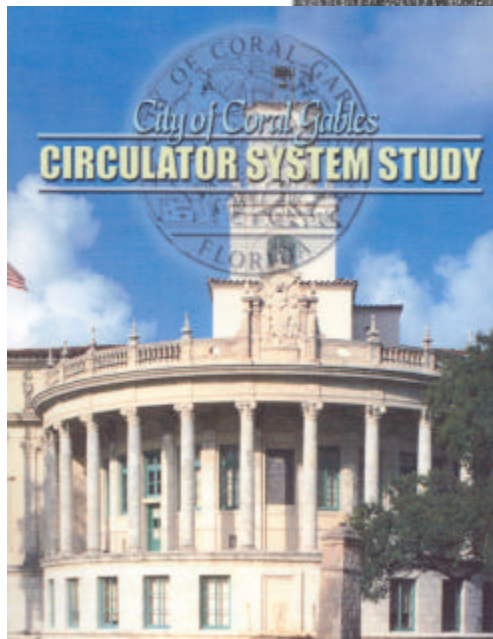
CITY OF AVENTURA MUNICIPAL PUBLIC TRANSIT

The City of Aventura was awarded funds under the 1998, 1999 and 2002 fiscal year MPO Municipal Grant Program to establish the most effective and efficient methods of providing municipal public transit services through a mini bus system within the City. As a result of MPO funded studies, which conducted surveys and analyzed service improvements, the City of Aventura operates a Shuttle Bus service with three routes. The service has been a success, and the addition of a fourth route is being considered.



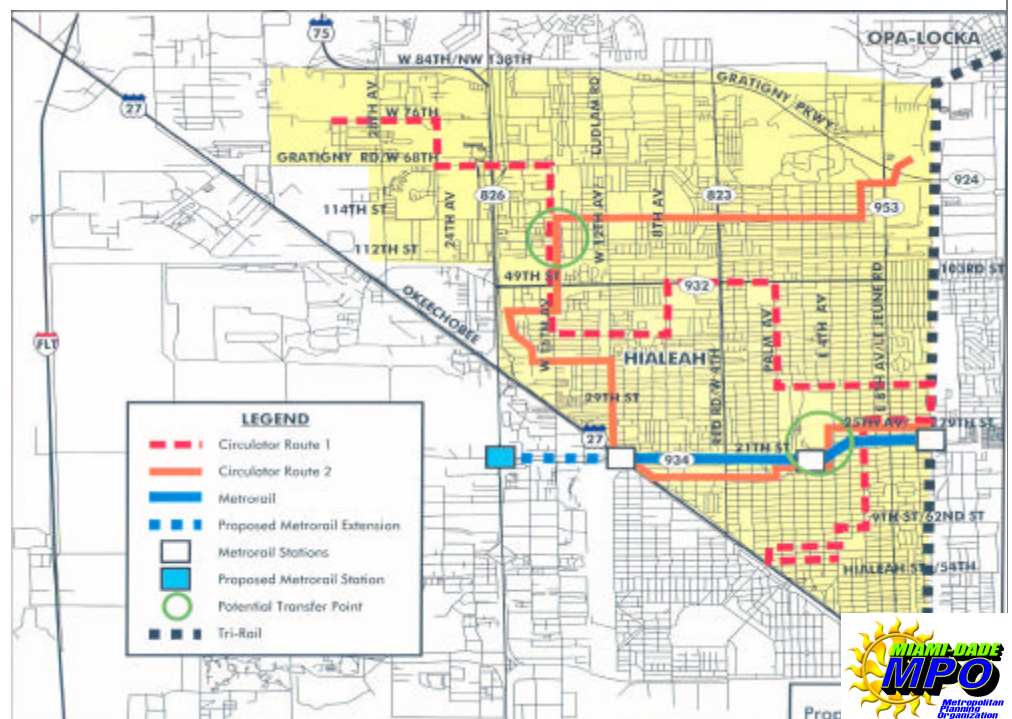
CITY OF CORAL GABLES CIRCULATOR SYSTEM STUDY

The City of Coral Gables was awarded funding during the fiscal year 2000 Municipal Grant Program to perform a feasibility study for a transit circulator along the Ponce de Leon Boulevard corridor which would provide connectivity to the Downtown/Miracle Mile area, SW 8 Street and the Metrorail. The proposed circulator is expected to help alleviate some downtown traffic and parking deficiencies. The study recommends that the main spine of the circulator service would run from the Douglas Road Metrorail station in the south to Douglas Entrance (SW 8 Street) in the north along Ponce de Leon Boulevard. In order to make Metrorail an attractive commute option, the Coral Gables circulator should provide reasonable connectivity with Metrorail trains. Approximately frequencies of every 10-12 minutes should be maintained so that each vehicle would generally serve the riders of one or two Metrorail trains. Electric-hybrid vehicles are recommended for this system. The next steps for the city of Coral Gables are to: 1) start assembling a funding package, 2) begin detailed discussions with potential providers, and 3) plan and implement street improvements necessary to support the circulator system.



CITY OF HIALEAH CIRCULATOR SERVICE STUDY

The City of Hialeah was awarded funds under the MPO's Municipal Grant Program to conduct a feasibility study to explore the possibility of local bus service. As a result of the study, the City has been operating a successful circulator system. Shown at right is a sample route alignment map.





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CITY OF MIAMI BEACH ELECTROWAVE

The South Beach Electric Shuttle System, named the "Electrowave", is operated with zero emission, electrically powered, 22-foot low-floor vehicles. The Electrowave provides transit services specifically tailored to South Beach needs by interconnecting existing and planned parking facilities, supporting an interceptor park and ride program, and maximizing the utilization of the City's parking investments. During fiscal year 2000, Miami Beach was awarded funding to examine potential sites for their suitability to store, recharge and maintain the Electrowave shuttles. In 2001, Miami Beach was awarded funding to develop a long range 7- -year plan for a prospective citywide expansion of existing service to include developing a capital plan for acquisition of additional equipment.



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